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1. On November 1966

made the following

observations on the forthcoming Tribunal

a. was somewhat disturbed by in London who attended the preliminary meeting 13-16 November 1966. French writer Jean-Paul Sartre had acted rather strangely and had left London abruptly without any explanation. He judged that the Trotskyites are "very strong" in the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation (BRPF) which sponsored the event, and he did not believe "his Chinese friends" were pleased with this development. Upon his return home via Hong Kong he planned to personally ask the advice of the New China News Agency correspondent there. As for his activities in the Tribunal, he would listen to the Chinese.

b. said that it was obvious to him that the North Vietnamese Government was financing the Tribunal, although there had been discussions at the London meeting of possibilities of soliciting funds in various countries, particularly in the United States

c. The discussions in London were, for the most part, dominated by Yugoslav delegate Vladimir Dedijer, who paid considerable attention to and even interviewed the latter for his (Dedijer's) paper in Yugoslavia. said he had a low opinion of Ralph Schoenman because he had attempted to lecture to the Tribunal members who are "his elders" and know more about politics.

2. According to a US leftist active in the Russell Foundation, Schoenman and others in the BRPF are now worried about the "revisionist"

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threat to the Trotskyites' control over the Tribunal. The Trotskyites could easily lose control if the North Vietnamese were to desert them or to urge them to turn over Tribunal preparations to the French lawyers and other pro-Moscow people.

3.

[redacted] indicated that he had spoken with [redacted] on 11 November and had urged the latter to remain a member of the Tribunal [redacted] that he was the only "Marxist-Leninist" among the judges and therefore would be able to play a vital role in at least keeping Marxists-Leninists informed of the preparations for the Tribunal and in preventing the Trotskyites from turning the event into a "circus". [redacted] accepted this argument but wondered whether or not he would be invited back if Ralph Schoenman became aware of [redacted] political position.

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] is still bitterly anti-American and seems to be more a fellow-traveller than a conscious pro-Chinese political leader.

2. [redacted] Comment. Ralph Schoenman is a Director of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and Secretary General of the International War Crimes Tribunal Secretariat.

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